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APPLICANTS : THOMAS GASSNER ET AL.  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Cancel the original abstract and substitute the attached new abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the next-to-last paragraph on page 2 of the specification to read as follows: